

Hello Neighbors!

A gorgeous spring day greeted all to YOUR City Council meeting where the invocation and pledges were followed by the joy of Proclamations celebrating special service employees.

- Last week allowed us to applaud our city employees for the dedicated service (with a genuine smile) and focus on our safety. It ended with a Friday friendly “competitive BBQ cookoff” among the departments. What a great city family you have serving you – please let us know when you are well served so we can applaud them individually.
- April 14-20 was proclaimed National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week” (i.e. your dispatchers). Our area is served by Fran Altum, Robert Fox, and Michelle Davis who are the voices you hear when you call with an emergency. Thank a dispatcher for the kind listening and prompt responses we all receive!
- May 5-11 is proclaimed as the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of “Municipal Clerk’s Week”. Our City Secretary, Kerri Craig, keeps the whole administrative, legislative and organizational needs of the city (and a sometimes ‘challenging’ council) in order! Stop by and thank her personally if you are at City Hall this week.

No public sign ups for comments were made (the first in over a year) and the consent agenda was approved as presented. Following monthly reports from the city departments, five business items were addressed.

- An ordinance allowing for extenuating circumstance approval for early start concrete pours (5:00 am pours) was approved. Recognizing that having trucks arrive as early as 4:00 a.m. is a potentially significant inconvenience for immediate neighbors, all notification requirements are underscored. This should be a rare occurrence and any homeowner would likely never experience it – except for maybe once in their area.
- The council set aside a review of amended ordinance language to work for consistent sign size and illumination guidelines. Seeking to support our business owners while maintaining our Dark Skies Community designation, an ordinance will come back to council in May.
- The council affirmed its support of the Fuchs House Golf Tournament designed to raise funds for this 1880s historic site within our own city. The Fuchs House Advisory Committee will be working to establish a Foundation (Friends of the Fuchs House) to take over the restoration efforts – and the golf tournament proceeds will kick start initial information/preservation activities to go with current private donations and acquired grant. Come join me – sign up for a team to play June 17<sup>th</sup> (a great Father’s Day gift/event for a great community effort).

One of the shortest council meetings in a while ended with everyone happily anticipating a day of Spring rains (storm?) ahead, followed by another great day/week of living in Horseshoe Bay.

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